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Chapter 1 by Devix Perez

Tomiko is an ordinary 10 year old who just got adopted into the Lane family. She sits quietly on the bench outside the office with her small bag only filled with her teddy bear, tooth paste, and hair clip she was wearing when she was left on the front porch of the Yamato's Children Orphanage. The door squeaked open and her new parents smiled and held out their hand. Tomiko hesitantly reached out. Her parents looked at each other and suddenly propped Tomiko on her new dads shoulders. Tomiko smiled but also looked back to her old home as is soon got smaller and smaller.

Tomiko got in the car and watched the building dissipated to a horizon. She still hasn't spoken a word so the Lanes drove in silence to the airport.

Chapter 2 by Finn Moxcey



It was on the airplane when Mrs. Lane finally spoke.

"Oh dearie, you shouldn't eat that. It'll make you fat, and we can't have a chubby princess lying around the castle." Tomiko heard a guard in the corner stifle a laugh. Mrs. Lane whipped around to face him, her face filled with anger.

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tote around me. The hustle around the orphanage that day was overwhelming. They had even apologized to me that the seamstress hadn't been able to come to measure me for my new dresses.

Suddenly, my thoughts were interrupted by a single gunshot, and Officer Gerald walking out of the room alone.

With tiny specs of blood on his hands.

Chapter 3 by Stella Wang



Tomiko gawked in horror. Could they really do that? she wondered.

"Sweetie, stop staring, it's rude," Mrs. Lane ordered in a sticky sweet voice. She brushed off invisible dust from each shoulder.

"Tiffan-" Tomiko began.

"HOW DARE YOU CALL ME BY MY FIRST NAME! FROM NOW ON CALL ME MOTHER," Tiffany Lane responded.

"Ok," Tomiko said shyly. "Mother, do you have an infinite amount of guards?"

"Mimi," Tomiko flinched at her new nickname. "Would you like me to tell you something that will better your time here?"

"Yes."

"Don't ask questions."

Chapter 4 by LectroGel



Questions, are how Tomiko got answers. Take away questions and you take her answers. She guessed that she'd have to get them in another way.

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little windows. All the colors were blinding Tomiko. Her tiny hand reached to block the sun out of her eyes. Tiffany Lane woke up after feeling Tomiko shift, awake.

Her eyes looked out onto the horizon. Her red piercing eyes looked far, far into the abyss of the earth. A spec of black appeared in the midst of the the sunrise. She leaned closer to the window, squinting. She saw a black flag flicker above the flying ship's mast. She gripped Tomiko tightly to her chest. Just as she'd expected.

"Prepare the troops," she yelled at the General, as he woke up. "They're here."

Chapter 5 by intellikat



"What the hell have I gotten myself into?" said Tomiko silently to herself, using big kid words.

She watched as the General pulled a handset from the airplane's radio and barked into it.

"Troops! Get prepared!"

And then he hung the handset back up again.

Tomiko looked out the window, where her new mother, Mrs. (Queen) Tiffany Lane was straining to see what appeared to be a flying airship, just below the horizon and cruising at a very low altitude. An attack position.

"Air Pirates, Mimi," whispered Mrs. Lane, clutching Tomiko tightly. "Now just watch and see the power of our nation's military."

From somewhere near the horizon, and from what looked to be the coastline of the country they were nearing, a series of colorful eruptions took place, orange after another.

"Cannons, Mimi," whispered Mrs. Lane. "They're firing on the Air Pirates." Mrs. Lane turned toward the front of the cabin. "Captain!"

The airplane's captain kicked open the door to the cockpit and leaned back in his chair.

"Yes, mum?"

"Land us in the Cave!"

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"Yes, mum."

The Captain pulled the cockpit door shut again and Tomiko's stomach dropped with the airplane as it began its sudden descent toward the coastline.

From out of the window, Tomiko could see what looked like a hole in the great rock cliffs before the plane banked and began to descend toward the opening, which was illuminated by blinking lights around its perimeter.

"This is the safest way," said Mrs. Lane to Tomiko. "Soon you will be warm and safe in our castle. Won't that be lovely?"

Tomiko gulped and nodded weakly. "Yes, mother."

Chapter 6 by LectroGel



Mrs. Lane's warm touch and sly smile, stained Tomiko's mind with fear.

Tomiko shook her head trying to get the image of that frightening woman out her head. But there Mrs. Lane stood. Commanding the entire Army Aviation. All of the planes were rushed out onto the sandy beach. And one after one they flew out of sight. Soon the only other thing that Tomiko could hear, was the sounds of gunfire. And the smell of smoke, wafting among the caves. Each blast of the guns, erupted her ears echoing through her head. Leaving another mark on her perfect heart. "MR.S LANE!!!!!" A voice screamed, gurgling through the intercom. Lane's face turned pale as the voice was cut

short. Her eyes looked straight out into the distance, as her mouth dropped. Thirteen enemy pirate planes, flew above the caves, and circled until they swooped into the crevices of their safety. Tomiko's heart stopped as the leader of the Pirates, covered in dried blood, made his way out of his aircraft. In one of his hands he carried a gun.

Mrs. Lane motioned her bodyguards around her and Tomiko. But all too soon The entire royal family was surrounded by Pirates. Tomiko's breathing started to falter, as bodies closed up around her. Her eyes seemed to be enclosed in fear. And out of that little mouth of her's came

What was she thinking?

What was she thinking? What was she doing to her?

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